Since there is no difference in senior citizen's fare charged from Travel Agents and Indian Airlines, the question of refunding excess money does not arise.

Completion of privatisation of airports

1955. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of the proposed leasing of metro airports to private operators would not be complete by the scheduled date of March, 2003; and

(b) if so, at what stage is the proposal and the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry had introduced AAI (Amendment) Bill 2000 in Lok Sabha in November, 2000 for making an enabling provision for leasing of airports. The said Bill was referred to Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture. The Hon'ble Committee tabled its report on 21.11.2002 in the Parliament.

Operation of Qatar Airways

1956. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Qatar Airways has decided to start flights from Hyderabad;

(b) if so, by when this service will be started; and

(c) the other starting points from where Qatar Airways provides air services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) As per the Winter 2002-03